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JOHN SULLIVAN: AN UPDATE

Q. Has the embassy in San Salvador been able to verify the contents of two letters it has received purporting to contain information on Mr. John Sullivan, the missing journalist in El Salvador?

A. There has been no new developments on the whereabouts and welfare of Mr. John Sullivan.

Q. What efforts have you made to verify the information contained in the letters?

A. Because of our continuing efforts to resolve the disappearance of Mr. Sullivan, the Department is not commenting publicly on specific steps we have taken or identifying individuals or organizations with whom we have been in contact. However, I can say that we continue to pursue any information we may receive pertaining to Mr. Sullivan's disappearance.

Q. What about statements by U.S. Ambassador Deane Hinton that a letter purporting to give information on John Sullivan was an attempt at extortion?

A. As I have previously stated there have been no new developments in Mr. Sullivan's case. We have nothing further to add to Ambassador Hinton's remarks.

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